

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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May 11, 1990

Mr. Omar L. Mathews
President
L & M General Engineering and
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P. O. Box 898
St. George, Utah 84771

Dear Mr. Mathews:

Re: <u>Approval of Variance Requests, Small Mining Operation NOI, Limestone Project, S/053/012, Washington County, Utah</u>

The Division has completed its evaluation of your variance requests for your proposed Limestone Project, Small Mining Operation in Washington County, Utah. Please accept my apology for the unforeseen delay in providing you with a formal approval for your request.

On April 11, 1990, Tony Gallegos and I met with you onsite to go over your variance requests. We indicated to you during our inspection that we concurred with your request for variances to the operational and reclamation standards for highwalls, topsoil salvaging, and revegetation. We stressed the importance of limiting your operational surface disturbance to the minimal extent necessary. We also discussed some smaller localized areas where topsoil may exist at sufficient depth to strip and stockpile for later reclamation usage.

You requested assistance from the Division in developing a revegetation seedmix for the minesite. I indicated that I would have our soils/revegetation specialist prepare a recommended seedmix for you. This recommendation will be provided to you shortly under a separate cover letter.

It is our understanding that you have posted a \$12,000 reclamation bond with the Division of State Lands and Forestry for this site. You are also working with the State Health Department to acquire all pertinent permits required by that agency.

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Again, we thank you for your patience and cooperation in completing this permitting action. Best wishes for a successful small mining venture.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

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CC:

Jerry Mansfield, State Lands Kenneth Alkema, State Health Lowell Braxton, DOGM Minerals Staff

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